

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present invention in view of the above-presented amendments and the following remarks.

Status of the Claims:

Claims 1 through 10 are pending in the subject patent application. Claim 10 is withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Claims 2 and 8 are objected to, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 3-7 and 9 are rejected.

Applicants have amended claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of claim 2 (canceled under this amendment). Applicants have amended claim 7 by incorporating the limitations of claim 8 (canceled under this amendment). Claim 7 has also been amended to delete a "." Between "A" and "composition". The amendments to the claims do not present new matter and are fully supported by the Specification.

Allowance of Claims 1 and 3 through 7, inclusive:

Claim 1 (which presents the scope of claim 2 (canceled), claims 3 through 6 which depend upon claim 1, and claim 7 (which presents the scope of claim 8 (canceled) have been deemed allowable by the Examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of reference JP 6-228316. The reference was not considered because the reference was deemed unrelated to the present application.

Specification:

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended by replacing the comma in line 11 after Lu with a semicolon and by deleting the phrase "and mixtures thereof" in line 11. No new matter has been added to the Abstract of the Disclosure.

Applicants have amended the Specification at page 4, line 22 by inserting a semicolon between "Lu" and "A" and page 8, lines 1 by inserting a semicolon between "Lu" and "A".

The amendments do not present new matter.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 102:

Claims 1, 3-7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (a) as being anticipated by the CAPLUS abstract for Jurado, J.R., "Present Several Items on Ceria-based Ceramic Electrolytes: Synthesis, Additive Effects, Reactivity and Electrochemical Behavior", Journal of Materials Science (March 1, 2001, 36(5), pp 1133-1139. Applicants submit a full copy of the reference for the file history of the present patent application.

This rejection has been rendered moot by the amendments made to the claims in this paper.

Summary

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections and objections set forth by the Examiner have been overcome and Applicants request favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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